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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MAY, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31.3.1959 -

Males - 366,345 Females - 348,224 Persons - 714,569

Metropolitan at 31.12.1958 -

Persons - 387,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	APRIL				Four Months ended APRIL			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	679	11.55	529	9.17	2,040	8.68	1,890	8.20
Births	1,640	27.90	1,414	24.50	5,688	24.21	5,679	24.63
Deaths	566	9.63	445	7.71	1,741	7.41	1,698	7.36
Infant Mortality (b)	26	15.85	29	20.51	110	19.34	113	19.90

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	deaths	deaths	deaths	deaths
Tuberculosis	4	-	10	8
Malignant neoplasms	92	88	309	307
Diabetes mellitus	3	1	13	10
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	1	6	3
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	51	218	208
Diseases of the heart	162	131	517	510
Hypertension with heart disease	14	12	32	41
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	1	4	11	11
Arteriosclerosis	18	13	41	42
Influenza	28	1	29	1
Pneumonia	33	16	60	63
Bronchitis	6	5	21	15
Other respiratory diseases	5	5	16	16
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	3	12	12
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	6	8	18
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	3	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	1	6	10
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	6	17	15
Disease of the prostate	6	3	15	20
Maternal causes	3	-	4	3
Diseases of early infancy	17	19	67	72
Motor vehicle accidents	20	16	62	63
Other accidents	12	8	73	59
Suicide	9	12	28	40
All other causes	50	42	163	146
Total:	566	445	1,741	1,698

# LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1959, totalled 483,529 acres, a decrease of 7,292 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 9,346,833 acres, an increase of 8,066,214 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

## STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,422,003	5,417,692	52,856,021	50,117,711
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 11. 5	7. 14. 1	74. 6. 10	71. 16. 2
Expenditure	5,158,740	5,369,518	56,716,285	53,162,212
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 4. 1	7. 12. 8	79. 15. 5	76. 3. 5

## SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of May, 1959, amounted to £69,628,374 or £97-3-7 per head of population as against £64,592,383 or £91-15-1 per head at the end of May, 1958.

## BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 27th May, 1959, amounted to £15,656,085 compared with £15,324,238 for the corresponding period last year.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,656	1,890	17,534	18,273
	£.	3,064,720	3,134,053	29,806,011	31,769,142
Mortgages	No.	1,321	1,625	13,672	14,098
	£.	2,606,188	3,274,870	27,028,086	26,953,079
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	995	1,111	10,189	10,666

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

### AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
May, 1959	3,917,632	3,480,626	11,544,270	553,059
May, 1958	4,252,400	2,827,611	13,962,979	628,253
Eleven Months ended May, 1959	43,696,361	35,148,081	112,758,144	6,595,139
Eleven Months ended May, 1958	43,199,496	31,946,326	121,067,111	6,353,241

# COMPANIES REGISTERED

210 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,467,852 and 108 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 248 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,442,000 and 98 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	103	449,587	96,493	111	199,069	55,187
Deeds of Assignment (a)	83	431,290	388,980	90	549,086	501,128
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement

## TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,329,800	1,098,500	11,220,300	10,727,000
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,278,714	1,193,696	12,306,699	12,214,128
Train Miles Run	No.	686,454	607,429	6,360,158	6,080,790
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 100,916	(c) 104,505	(d) 956,790	(e) 1,038,266
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,094,478	1,065,251	11,927,104	11,708,503
Motor Bus	No.	18,862	22,150	217,747	233,421
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		420,518	314,373	3,049,194	2,829,883
Livestock		10,199	8,797	129,372	114,929
Departmental (Free Freight)		60,122	52,017	595,350	538,050
Total:		490,839	375,187	3,773,916	3,482,862
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		65,320,230	49,086,818	495,224,050	453,933,012
Livestock		1,070,877	1,006,089	16,848,702	15,499,662
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,869,906	4,142,801	54,238,050	51,706,503
Total:		71,261,013	54,235,708	566,310,802	521,139,177

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 28th March.

(c) Four weeks ended 29th March.

(d) Period 1st July to 28th March.

(e) Period 1st July to 29th March.

\* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	3,709	4,551	39,183	38,274	8,066	5,344	78,221	81,982
Interstate	7,903	7,573	79,923	79,625	2,430	2,548	26,921	32,334
Total:	11,612	12,124	119,106	117,899	10,496	7,892	105,142	114,316



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	13,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 - March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,715	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 - March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	64,184	64,197	321,238	323,000
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	1,002,880	1,003,075	5,018,740	5,046,853
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	456,250	281,250	675,000	508,594

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

# RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2941	3000	3019	2986	2712	2770	2729	2758
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3173	3249	3194	3224	2650	2679	2627	2665
Northam	3088	3088	3128	3093	2693	2711	2702	2712
Bunbury	3151	3059	3146	3088	2782	2805	2762	2796
Geraldton	3215	3258	3232	3241	2931	2994	2928	2971
Collie	3180	3146	3182	3175	2519	2528	2514	2533

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	April	139.4	45.9	185.3
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	May	138.8	45.9	184.7
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.6	184.2
July	137.9	44.7	182.6	July	138.1	45.6	183.7
August	137.8	45.0	182.8	August	138.3	45.9	184.2
September	138.3	45.2	183.5	September	138.8	46.2	185.0
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	182.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.3	46.3	185.6
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
				April	139.8	46.8	186.6

## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	
June	230	239	235	231	228	
July	230	238	231	229	225	
August	230	239	230	229	225	
September	232	241	233	232	225	
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/4/59	13. 15. 1	8. 18. 10	13. 14. 6	8. 18. 5	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
April, 1959	11,897	1,394	91,032	36,789	11,338
April, 1958	9,081	420	56,467	27,449	16,155
10 Months ended April, 1959	133,448	12,141	947,769	674,874	149,046
10 Months ended April, 1958	104,877	5,330	572,975	570,010	166,907

## ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
<u>1959 -</u>										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	*284	659	*878	5	*13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	631	924	11	17	255	364
April	448	618	196	268	644	886	2	8	244	343
Four Months ended April	1,820	2,503	805	1,139	2,625	3,642	25	54	1,012	1,513

\* Revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	645	650	4,973	5,268
Bricks - Cement	'000	140	103	1,213	1,749
- Clay	"	8,139	8,526	84,929	92,825
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	132	120	1,222	1,371
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,454	2,421	21,317	24,065
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	26,726	26,336	271,891	280,953
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	564	547	5,229	6,387
Timber, - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	17,028(b)	12,495(b)	174,571(c)	166,544(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,138	1,300	9,554	9,954
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,281	1,500	12,039	10,568
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	3,805	4,740	50,668	48,949
Shorts - Leisure, Walk and Work - Men's and Boys'	number	15,740	12,071	253,663	237,792
Sports Coats - Men's	"	682	418	3,287	3,647
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	45	62	577	948
2 piece	"	1,171	1,283	14,263	15,615
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,341	5,126	53,529	52,739
- Work	"	15,768	16,828	145,170	141,136
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	191	158	3,886	(d)
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	488	423	6,054	6,025
Butter	"	639	570	12,718	14,078
Cheese	"	135	47	2,361	2,214
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	85,520	92,886	818,394	776,318
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	73,065	70,232	793,335	756,933
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,820	2,770	30,845	27,076
- Woven Wire	"	7,373	5,011	25,714	27,655
- Soft Filled	"	2,543	3,304	31,452	35,713
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	28	15	272	134
Truck Trays	"	75	32	446	439
Sulphuric Acid	ton	16,583	21,916	182,290	199,682
Superphosphate	ton	44,457	60,851	498,671	553,096
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,876	1,934	25,361	23,677

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) April figures, May not available.

(c) Ten months ended April.

(d) Not available.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(£ Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1954	(g) 17,460	(g) 12,409	(g) 6,835	(g)	(g)	(g)	37,232	2,973	2,316	54,692	15,382	9,151	10,154
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,523	8,326	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,522	82,592	18,824	12,452	15,488
1958	26,214	18,131	11,230	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,257	24,484	16,191	19,052
MONTH:													
1957 - September	1,963	1,310	810	103	70	47	5,628	400	328	7,694	1,780	1,185	15,982
October	2,282	1,527	946	167	170	118	5,441	437	353	7,890	2,134	1,417	16,393
November	2,212	1,548	952	249	212	138	5,648	444	358	8,109	2,204	1,448	16,900
December	2,447	1,557	985	139	121	83	6,893	539	435	9,479	2,217	1,503	17,470
1958 - January	2,280	1,598	996	124	91	62	5,437	453	366	7,841	2,142	1,424	17,838
February	2,099	1,615	1,005	164	136	93	4,661	389	310	6,924	2,140	1,408	17,841
March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,060
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,471
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,828
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,504	310	250	6,868	1,840	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,286	301	246	6,437	1,740	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,365	342	272	6,745	1,982	1,294	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	149	79	4,926	362	317	7,822	2,204	1,433	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	377	236	4,830	397	325	7,437	2,419	1,585	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	245	172	6,012	488	396	8,557	2,326	1,560	21,201
1959 - January													(h) 21,267
February													(h) 20,654
March													(h) 20,432

( - Particulars not yet available - )

- (a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.  
 (b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.  
 Details relating to Plant and Machinery are included with Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc. (h) Preliminary estimate; subject to revision.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958								1959				
		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7
Oranges - Navel	bush.	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11
- Val.	bush.	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7
- Other	bush.	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5
Cabbage	crate #	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1
Cauliflowers	dozen	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10
Lettuce	crate	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7
Table Celery	doz.head	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10
Beetroot	cwt.	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4
Carrots	cwt.	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2
Swedes	cwt.	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1
Runner Beans	lb.	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11
Peas	lb.	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	5	5	4
Pumpkin	bag	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

# 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958								1959				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2
- Shorn	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-
Hoggets - In Wool	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2
- Shorn	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-
Wethers - In Wool	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0
- Shorn	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4
Heifers	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-
Cows	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7
Steers	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4
Bullocks	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6
Porkers	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6
Baconers	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8

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